

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 403033/HOEGER  
Client Reference No: A100 655 g

COMBINED DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

- ☐ Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing OR  
☒ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)) required)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

RETAINING RING FOR HOLDING SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS IN A CHEMICAL MECHANICAL  
POLISHING APPARATUS

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
☒ was filed on **April 1, 2004** as Application No. **10/814,590**.  
☐ was filed by Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ as *Application No. not known yet*, and was amended on  
(*if applicable*).  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as PCT International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on  
(*if any*).

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design registration, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application(s) from which the benefit of priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Claimed		Certified Copy Attached?	
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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Leydig, Voit & Mayer to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 23548.

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I further direct that correspondence concerning this application be directed to Leydig, Voit & Mayer: Customer Number 23548.

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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date November 19, 2009

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Inventor's signature Lawrence G. Resavage

Date November 16, 2009

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Declaration (Revised 7/18/03)



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Art Unit: 3723

Examiner: Unassigned

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CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING  
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**WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ASSIGNEE TO ADD AN INVENTOR**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Dear Sir:

As set forth in the attached statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), Ensinger Kunststofftechnologie GbR is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above.

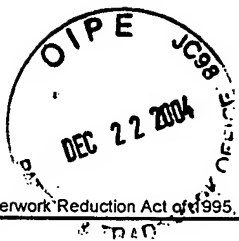
The assignee consents to add Lawrence G. Resavage as an inventor in the above-identified application.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Wilfried Ensinger  
Signature

15. 11. 2004  
Date:

Wilfried Ensinger



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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Wilfried Ensinger

Application No./Patent No.: 10/814,590 Filed/Issue Date: April 1, 2004

Entitled: Retaining Ring for Holding Semiconductor Wafers in a Chemical Mechanical Polishing Apparatus

Ensinger Kunststofftechnologie GbR a partnership  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.  
The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_ %

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 014996, Frame 0563, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

OR

B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Wilfried Ensinger  
Signature

4. Oct. 2004  
Date

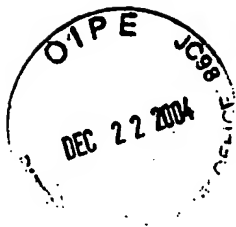
Wilfried Ensinger  
Printed or Typed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 3.73(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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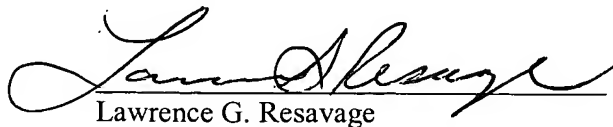
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**STATEMENT FROM PERSON BEING ADDED AS INVENTOR**

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I, Lawrence G. Resavage, am being added as an inventor in the above-identified patent application. I hereby state this addition is necessitated by amendment of the claims in the application, and the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on my part.



Lawrence G. Resavage

Date: